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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 10/28/00 | PREVIOUS WEEK 10/21/00 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 160,185 | 156,422 |
| LT HENS | 1,749 | 1,337 |
| HVY HENS | 1,509 | 1,834 |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 21-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 347 | 6 | 353 |
| LAST WEEK | 293 | 9 | 302 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 408 | 43 | 451 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 19,369 | 310 | 19,679 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 19,447 | 247 | 19,694 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,810 | 1,819 | 3,629 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,967 | 1,496 | 3,463 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,360 | 1,655 | 4,015 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 99,164 | 61,513 | 160,677 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 106,975 | 59,649 | 166,624 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 156,273 (A) | 1,463 | 1,813 | 3,276 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.66 | 7.90 | 6.01 |
| LAST WEEK | 150,464 | 1,674 | 1,487 | 3,161 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 154,030 | 1,952 | 1,612 | 3,564 |
| AVG WT | 5.06 | 3.50 | 7.89 | 5.49 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 6,496,656 | 79,795 | 61,203 | 140,998 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 6,376,895 | 87,528 | 59,402 | 146,930 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.2 million head or 6.7 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HEAD | 36,288 | 43,626 | 41,291 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.67 | 4.76 | 6.20 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 30% | 36% | 34% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 29,940 | 32,778 | 39,016 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.81 | 4.76 | 6.15 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 29% | 32% | 38% |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 30,494 | 33,198 | 42,411 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.85 | 4.89 | 6.16 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 29% | 31% | 40% |
| TO DATE/1998 | 1,356,171 | 1,373,287 | 1,652,090 |
| TO DATE/1997 | 1,306,516 | 1,287,478 | 1,677,320 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD | 2,566 | 2,971 | 68 | 22 | 5,627 |
| AVG WT | 16.01 | 32.55 | 24.50 | 29.08 | 24.90 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 2,187 | 3,155 | 80 | 20 | 5,442 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 5,369 (C) | | 9 | 35 | 5,413 |
| AVG WT | 25.40 (C) | | 25.89 | 28.17 | 25.42 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 202,431 (C) | | 1,357 | 1,140 | 204,928 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 201,692 (C) | | 635 | 1,550 | 203,877 |

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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